

MEMORANDUM

To: Parties to PSB Docket No. 7466 (EEU Structure)

From: Susan M. Hudson, Clerk of the Board

Re: Riley Allen's Participation in this Proceeding

Date: November 12, 2008

The Public Service Board ("Board") provided parties to the above-referenced proceeding an opportunity to comment on whether there would be a conflict of interest if Riley Allen were to participate in this proceeding as a staff member.¹ Six entities filed comments on Mr. Allen's participation.

The following four parties had no objection to Mr. Allen's participation:

- City of Burlington Electric Department ("BED")
- Central Vermont Public Service Corporation
- Green Mountain Power Corporation
- Vermont Electric Power Company, Inc.

BED also stated that it "supports" Mr. Allen's participation in this docket.

The Vermont Public Power Supply Authority stated that it has no objection to Mr. Allen's participation as long as he were not directly involved in both the upcoming negotiations and the Board's substantive consideration of issues in the Docket.

The Vermont Department of Public Service ("DPS") stated that it believes Mr. Allen's participation "would be very helpful in the settlement discussions," but "there might be cause for concern if Mr. Allen were to play a role in the Board's substantive consideration of the issues arising in this docket." The DPS characterizes this approach as consistent with Mr. Allen's participation in Docket 7307 (Smart Metering).

¹Mr. Allen had participated as a Vermont Department of Public Service ("DPS") staff member in the Workshop process that led to the development of the Draft Recommendation that is the starting point for this investigation.

The Board provided parties with an opportunity to file reply comments, and no party filed comments.

The Board has asked me to inform you that it has decided Mr. Allen will not be involved in the Board's deliberations in this proceeding, but that he will be available to participate in the settlement discussions.